

QUEEN ELIZABETH II  
1926 – 2022



The Telegraph





# Our Q

Allison Pearson pays tribute to the extraordinary life and reign of Elizabeth II, encompassing

SHE WAS ALWAYS THERE. For most of us she has never not been there. Part of the scenery, a fixture in the firmament, certain as the sun rising in the east. Our Queen. Changing with the times, ever just the same. There are no soldiers left who swore an oath of loyalty to a king. Six of her 15 prime ministers were born after her accession. The longest-reigning monarch. The face that launched a billion bank notes, the stamp on every letter, the silhouette of the national self. Our Queen. Did we come to believe she was immortal? (Maybe, but only because the alternative was unthinkable.) We can't quite imagine life without her. To be honest, we aren't absolutely certain who we are without her. For the best part of a century, if anyone asked, 'What kind of country is this?' there was no need to search for an answer, for there she was. Our Queen.

The death of a very old lady is hardly unexpected and yet millions of us will be experiencing profound shock and a strange, unsettling sorrow. Men, women and children on the way to work or school, sitting on a bus, buying a coffee, just talking to a friend on the phone, may find themselves surprised by tears. There will be a need to congregate, to sign books of condolence, to bear witness, to pay respects, to share the loss. This is what history feels like. We are living through one of its great, heart-stopping caesuras as a creamy vellum page is turned. None of us will ever forget where we were when we heard the news.



# Queen

war, coronation, love, death, corgis and, above all else, an unwavering devotion to duty

On the cover: Queen Elizabeth II in her coach on her way to the State Opening of Parliament in 1971. Previous page: at Balmoral in 2010. This page: in July 2021



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In the grave, beautiful words of the Clerk of the Privy Council, 'It has pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth II of blessed and glorious memory.'

Liz Truss, only appointed Prime Minister last week by the Queen (and with such a lovely smile), was among the first to be told of Her Majesty's death, was alerted by the code 'London Bridge is down'. That feels about right, doesn't it? An iconic feature of the British landscape has gone for good and now we are left to mourn, but also to marvel at the unspoken bond between a sovereign and her subjects. Since we were small, we were taught to ask God to save her, to make her happy and glorious and long to reign over us. That prayer was answered. Answered so well, in fact, that for nigh on seven decades she could be taken entirely for granted. Her record-breaking reign was both a time of unprecedented change and remarkable stability. That security, the underlying sense that all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well, was her greatest gift to us. Only now that her reign is over can we fully appreciate our good fortune.

The Queen's life story has acquired the archetypal force of fairy tale. There was flighty Uncle David, the weak, vain King Edward VIII, who fell under the spell of wicked witch Wallis Simpson, allowing the country to be rescued by the good princess. Elizabeth was 10 years and eight months old when she found out that her life

would not be her own. Thanks to the abdication, and barring her parents producing a male heir, she knew that, one day, she would be Queen. Her maternal grandmother swore that, every night, Lilibet knelt by her bed and prayed for a baby brother, but never again did she give any sign that the role daunted or scared her. Destiny's child had 'an air of authority and reflectiveness astonishing in an infant', according to Winston Churchill, who would become the first of her 15 prime ministers.

On her 21st birthday, in April 1947, Princess Elizabeth made a broadcast to the British Commonwealth and Empire that was to define everything that followed. 'It is very simple,' she said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service.' At more than 70 years' distance, the clipped voice, fluting with nerves, sounds impossibly posh – she says 'thank you' and 'heppy'. No one talks like that any more. What endures, and I find it hard to hear it without crying, is the commitment to duty. In her clear-eyed candour, she was more like a novitiate nun renouncing the vanity of the world to pursue a vocation. We have grown accustomed to the promises of politicians, which are written in hot air, but this one was for keeps.

How lucky we were. The monarchy, which has thrown up some prize popinjays and prats down the



## Choosing a penniless, tricky foreigner was the Queen's single act of rebellion – but even that turned out to be a sensible move

↑  
20 November 1972:  
celebrating the  
Queen and Duke of  
Edinburgh's silver  
wedding anniversary

centuries, gave these isles in those exhausted postwar years an enchantingly serious, lovely young woman who became a symbol of the hope that the country had fought for. It mattered a good deal for the stature of our future Queen, trained to change spark plugs in the Auxiliary Territorial Service, that she had lived through what she called the 'terrible and glorious years of the Second World War'. It only added lustre to the myth that, on VE Day, an incognito princess was carried on a wave of euphoria to Trafalgar Square. Like Cinderella in reverse, at the end of the night she had to put away normal clothes and return to the Palace.

Every fairy tale needs its handsome prince. When it came to finding a husband, though, Elizabeth could echo Portia in *The Merchant of Venice*: 'In terms of choice I am not solely led/By nice direction of a maiden's eyes/Besides, the lottery of my destiny/Bars me the right of voluntary choosing.' Except Lilibet was 13 when she first saw a blond naval cadet who looked like a god who had

just strolled down off Mount Olympus. And nice direction of a rather determined maiden's eye ended in a love match with Prince Philip.

In a long and disciplined life, choosing a penniless, tricky foreigner was the Queen's single act of rebellion, but even that turned out to be a sensible move. Her husband became a crucial part of her success; his certainty boosted her confidence, his impatience modernised a calcified Court, his presence made the person in the loneliest job in the world less alone. Plus, the Queen could remain beyond reproach while it was the Duke of Edinburgh making all those 'gaffes' and providing covering fire for her. 'Quite simply, my strength and stay all these years,' she said of him on their golden wedding anniversary in 1997. Some of the happiest photos are of her bursting out laughing at something the Duke just said that he shouldn't have.

As newlyweds in Malta, Philip pursued his naval career and Elizabeth enjoyed playing house. With the birth of Charles, a son and heir, in 1948, life looked good



← With the corgis in 1974 – the Queen owned more than 30 during her reign

and was made even better when they completed a pigeon pair two years later with their daughter, Anne. But the lease on normality was short.

On Tuesday 2 June 1953, Elizabeth was crowned Queen. Over half the population watched the Coronation on television, a spellbinding novelty that showed Britons their new monarch in her ceremonial finery. The Crown looked too weighty on that girlish head, but she had practised walking in it and the robes that were heavier than a marine's full kit for hour after hour, up and down the throne room in Buckingham Palace, until she had the ceremony by heart. It helped that she was young and that she and her people would grow and learn together. The awe was tempered by protectiveness. It was raining – of course it was raining – but nothing could dampen the enthusiasm of the crowds for what the sociologist Michael Young called 'an act of national communion... one family knit together with another in one great national family through identification with monarchy'.

The Queen's subjects in Papua New Guinea put it more concisely: 'Mama belong big family.'

It mattered, too, that she was a woman. Although the Queen would never have thought of herself as a feminist, her success as a wise, steadying counsel to 14 prime ministers was the greatest possible subliminal advert for female power. In a newspaper column of 1952, one writer argued that, 'If, as many earnestly pray, the accession of Elizabeth II can help to remove the last shreds of prejudice against women aspiring to the highest places, then a new era for women will indeed be at hand.' It must have worked. The columnist's name was Margaret Thatcher.

Those are the facts of the Queen's early life. We can all, to some extent, recite the highs and the lows of the years that followed. The first scandal was Princess Margaret being denied permission to marry a divorcee (a bitter irony since three of the monarch's four children ended up divorced, a source of immense pain to such a devout Christian). But the Queen herself had exceptional

steadiness of character and rarely put a foot wrong. The errors of seven decades in the limelight you can count on one hand. Astonishing, really.

Undoubtedly, the closest she came to disaster was in 1997 when she stayed at Balmoral after the death of Princess Diana, not understanding that she needed to provide a focal point for public grief. The reticence and strict adherence to protocol that had served her so well were a handicap in this new blurty, more emotional age. 'Show us you care,' demanded the *Express*. For a few days, republicanism crackled like static in the London air until the Queen came home to the Palace and made a broadcast to the nation. In her uniform of mourning – black dress with pearls and wonderful diamond brooch – she spoke of the overwhelming expressions of sadness. 'So, what I say to you now, as your Queen, and as a grandmother, I say from my heart,' she said. The speech was touching enough to appease the vast, restless crowd you could glimpse through the window behind her, but that 'as your Queen' had a reproving glint of steel. Elizabeth had never stooped to conquer, and she never would.

Whenever her people felt let down, she made cautious adjustments while cleaving to Elizabeth I's motto, *semper*

*eadem* – always the same, which doesn't mean dull, though some accused her of that. Brenda was *Private Eye*'s nickname for her. They weren't the only ones to mock or patronise. 'Duchesses find the Queen dowdy, frumpish and banal,' one snobby critic opined.

Perhaps they did. But she suited the rest of us down to the ground. The British mistrust intellectuals and show-offs. If Her Majesty started the day with the *Racing Post* (and *The Daily Telegraph*) and preferred horses and dogs to humans, then that endeared her to a nation of animal lovers. The 30 corgis she kept throughout her life (starting with Susan, who came on honeymoon, obviously) became a royal trademark. We liked that she was frugal, with a hopeless two-bar electric fire valiantly attempting to defrost the room where she received guests at Buckingham Palace.

If she mainly stuck to cheerful block colours for public appearances, that was because being visible to her people was more important than style. Besides, if the Queen wasn't *à la mode*, it meant she never went out of fashion. While glitzier monarchies fell into disrepute, our Tupperware model went from strength to strength. By subtle deployment of the three Ds – duty, decency, diligence – she silenced the republican cause for as long as she lived.

→  
14 May 2012: in south London during the Diamond Jubilee tour

↓  
The Queen and the Duke, Windsor Castle, April 2014





‘I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long  
or short, shall be devoted to your service’

Even those who despised the monarchical system couldn't help but admire the Queen.

Did we really know her? I don't think we did, but that's rather the point. Elizabeth II was the most photographed woman in history, but she remained an enigma until the end, and this was key to her success. Our Queen. As she got older, we loved her more. What we may once have perceived as coldness became a priceless inability to fake emotion. While others debased their standards in pursuit of celebrity, the Queen held back. We never envied other countries with their passing parade of presidents because we knew that we had her, the incorruptible, the most loyal, the best. Our Queen.

During her long reign, the United Kingdom may have moved from instinctive deference to raucous scepticism, from imperial giant to service provider, but the Queen continued to believe in us. In her broadcasts, she urged upon us 'all those individual instances of kindness and respect' and brought us back, quietly but insistently, to the Christian faith that sustained her.

'It is very simple,' she said all those years ago, 'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service.' But it wasn't simple, was it? Turning yourself into a living symbol isn't

simple. A young woman vowing to repress every selfish impulse, tread down all unruly feelings and dedicate herself to an abstract ideal of nationhood on behalf of millions of people isn't simple. But she did it. Our Queen.

Alas, she isn't here today, in black dress, pearls, and that wonderful diamond brooch, to explain to us how to deal with the unfathomable void that her death leaves. But, if we look back at the address she gave to the nation after her mother died, I reckon we get a strong sense of how she would want us to be: 'At the ceremony tomorrow, I hope that sadness will blend with a wider sense of thanksgiving, not just for her life but for the times in which she lived – a century for this country and the Commonwealth not without its trials and sorrows, but also one of extraordinary progress, full of examples of courage and service as well as fun and laughter... I thank you from my heart for the love you gave her during her life and the honour you now give her in death. May God bless you all.'

Close your eyes and you will always see her, stepping out of a car, gloved hand extended, accepting a posy from a child, a smile that lit up that Hanoverian face, handbag in the crook of her arm, placing one court shoe in front of the other, keeping her promise to serve until her last breath. Our Queen.

# 1926

→  
The then Duke and  
Duchess of York with  
their daughter  
Princess Elizabeth  
Alexandra Mary in  
the Royal family  
christening robe, 1926



‘A character. She has an air  
of authority and reflectiveness  
astonishing in an infant’

Winston Churchill



← Far left  
21 December 1929: at King's Cross station en route to Sandringham

←  
Princess Elizabeth of York in 1927, before her first birthday



←  
With her maternal grandmother, Lady Strathmore, 1927



←  
Perfecting the royal wave, 1928

# 1930s

↑  
At Holyrood Palace,  
Edinburgh, 5 July  
1937, with her mother  
and younger sister,  
Princess Margaret

→  
Princess Elizabeth  
at the Little House  
in the grounds of  
Windsor's Royal Lodge  
where she – and  
generations of royal  
children – played





↑  
21 April 1939: riding in Windsor Great Park on her 13th birthday

←  
A trip to London Zoo in 1938

← Far left  
Playing with the corgis at home at 145 Piccadilly, London, July 1936

# 1940s



↑ Top left  
Princesses Elizabeth  
and Margaret  
in Buckingham  
Palace, 1942

↑  
In the grounds at  
Windsor Castle,  
8 July 1941

1940s



←  
King George VI with  
Princess Elizabeth  
at Windsor Castle,  
11 April 1942



↑  
Princess Elizabeth  
in 1942

## QUEEN ELIZABETH II



← In officer's uniform with an Auxiliary Territorial Service first aid truck in 1945

→ 28 February 1947: playing tag on board *HMS Vanguard* during a royal tour

### World War II

The Queen was the only female member of the Royal family to serve in the Second World War. At 18, the heir to the throne joined the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service and trained in London as a mechanic and military truck driver.



← 10 October 1940: Princess Margaret and Princess Elizabeth (then aged 14) made a radio broadcast to the children of the Empire





← Princess Elizabeth with Queen Elizabeth, Winston Churchill, George VI and Princess Margaret on the balcony of Buckingham Palace, VE Day



← Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, on their wedding day

→ Far right  
Just married:  
a portrait of the bride



[The royal wedding](#)

At 11.30am on 20 November 1947 – just four months after their engagement was officially announced on 9 July – Princess Elizabeth of York married Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten (born Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark) at Westminster Abbey in front of 2,000 guests.

→ Official photograph featuring bridesmaids, page boys and royal guests – but without the wedding bouquet, which had been misplaced

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# 1950s

→ Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh with Prince Charles and Princess Anne in 1951 – this is the first colour photograph of Princess Anne



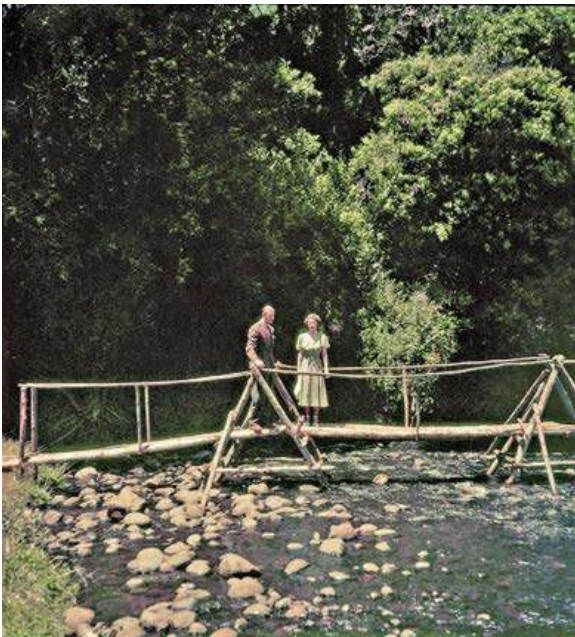


→  
Trooping the Colour,  
7 June 1951



→  
9 February 1952:  
arriving at London  
Airport following the  
death of her father,  
she is met by Anthony  
Eden, Clement Attlee  
and Winston Churchill

→  
At Sagana Lodge in  
Kenya in February  
1952, just days  
before the King's death



‘If her accession helps to remove  
the last shreds of prejudice, a new  
era for women will be at hand’

Margaret Thatcher, writing in 1952

1950s



## QUEEN ELIZABETH II

→  
2 June 1953:  
the newly crowned  
Queen Elizabeth II  
waves to the crowds



→  
Arriving at  
Westminster Abbey for  
her Coronation

→ Far right  
Queen Elizabeth II on  
her Coronation day





← Meeting Marilyn Monroe at the Royal Film Performance, October 1956



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1950s



With Winston Churchill  
on 4 April 1955, the day  
before his retirement



In St John's,  
Newfoundland, in  
June 1959, during a  
royal tour of Canada  
and North America



# 1961

→  
Riding on an elephant  
during a royal tour  
of Nepal in 1961





→  
4 November 1960,  
Oxford: visiting  
Prime Minister  
Harold Macmillan,  
the Chancellor  
of Oxford University

→ Far right  
29 October 1966,  
Aberfan: the Queen  
and the Duke of  
Edinburgh with locals in  
the Welsh village, eight  
days after the disaster  
that killed 144 people



↓ Below  
15 June 1961: the  
Queen and the Duke  
hold a banquet at  
Buckingham Palace in  
honour of President  
John F Kennedy and  
First Lady Jacqueline

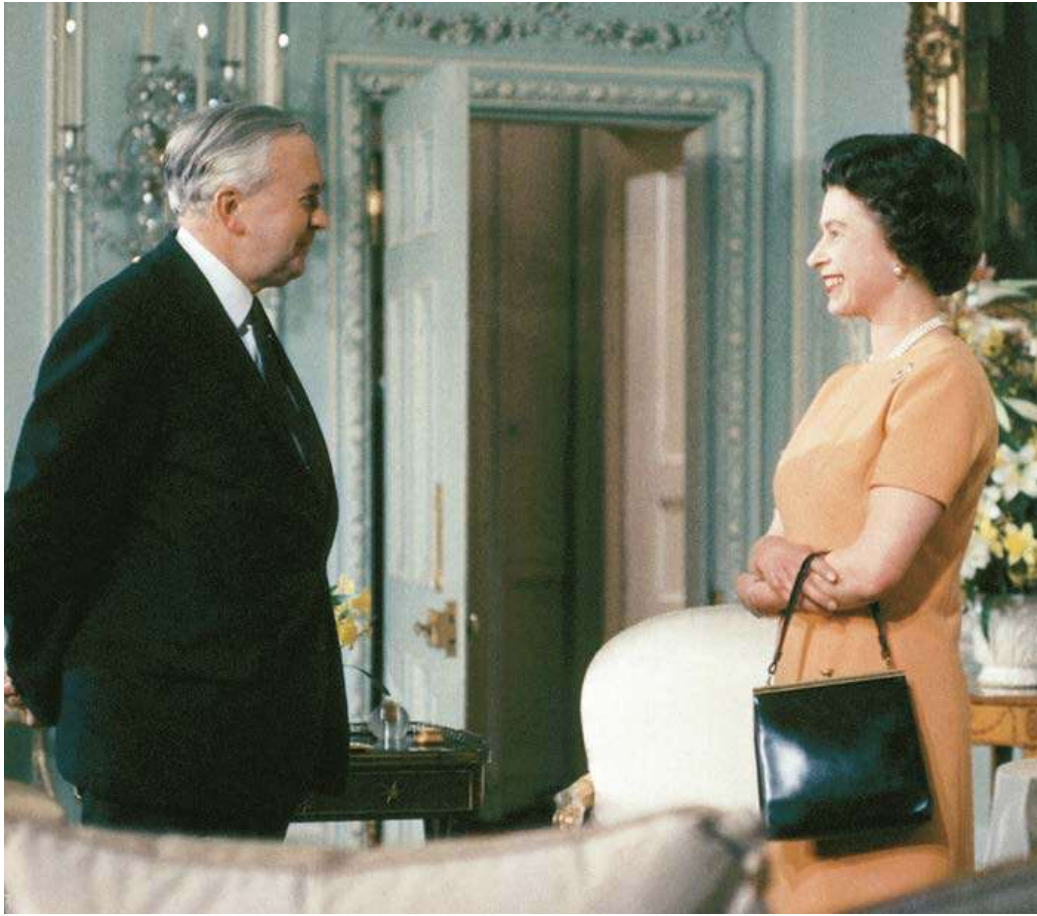
↓ Below right  
Meeting Pope John  
XXIII at the Vatican  
during a royal  
tour of Italy in 1961



1960s



→  
With Prime Minister  
Harold Wilson,  
June 1969



‘My sister has an aura. I’m enormously  
impressed when she walks into  
a room. It’s a kind of magic’

Princess Margaret

→  
1 July 1969,  
Caernarfon Castle:  
Prince Charles  
becomes  
Prince of Wales





↑  
The Royal family take  
a stroll in the grounds  
of Frogmore House,  
Windsor, in 1968

# 1970s

→  
A soldier passes out while the Queen rides past during the Trooping the Colour parade in London, 1970





↓  
14 April 1973: at  
Badminton Horse  
Trials with the  
Queen Mother and  
Princess Margaret

→  
On board  
*HMY Britannia*,  
18 March 1972



↑  
5 October 1970: at  
Chequers with Prime  
Minister Edward  
Heath, President  
Richard Nixon and  
First Lady Patricia



→  
Dancing with  
President Gerald Ford  
at the Bicentennial  
celebrations of the  
US Declaration of  
Independence in 1976





The Silver Jubilee

More than a million people lined the streets of London to catch a glimpse of the Queen on her way to St Paul's Cathedral for a service of thanksgiving, and a further 500 million watched live television coverage of the events to celebrate her 25-year reign.



↑  
7 June 1977: the Queen in the gold state coach during the Silver Jubilee procession



→ Top right  
The Queen and Prince Philip during their tour of Great Britain to mark the Jubilee year

→  
Silver Jubilee celebrations in Camberwell, south London, June 1977



# 2019

→  
29 July 1981: on  
the balcony at  
Buckingham Palace  
after the wedding  
of Prince Charles to  
Lady Diana Spencer









← Visiting the set of  
*Coronation Street*,  
1 June 1982

TIM GRAHAM/GETTY IMAGES



→  
14 October 1986: with  
Prince Philip at the  
Great Wall of China  
during their state visit  
to the country

←  
8 June 1982:  
riding with President  
Ronald Reagan at  
Windsor Castle

‘She has an understanding of  
what other people’s lives are like  
and the normal human condition’

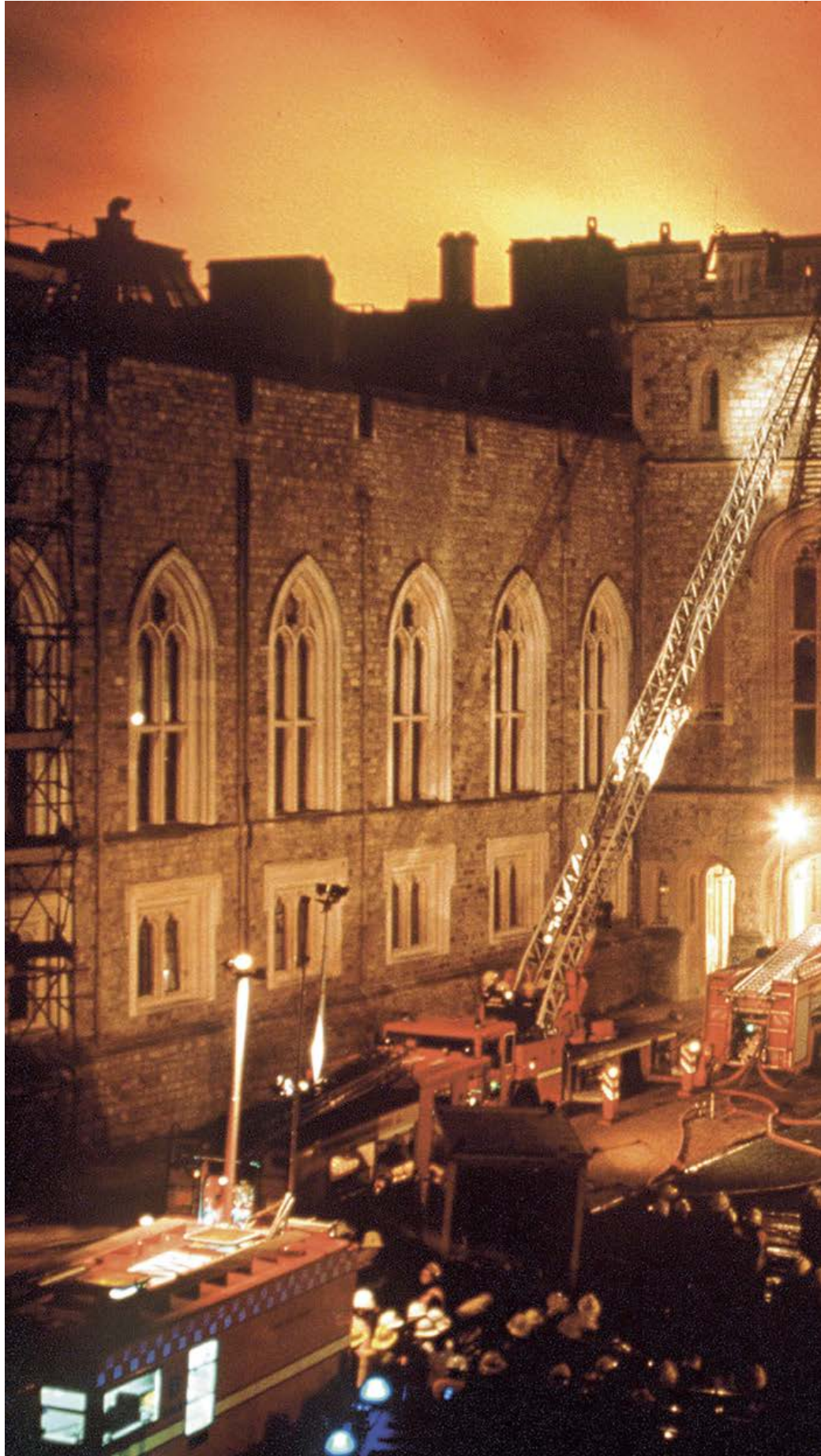
Lord Powell of Bayswater, private secretary to Margaret Thatcher



←  
11 December 1985:  
celebrating 250 years  
of Downing Street as  
the Prime Minister’s  
residence with James  
Callaghan, Alec Douglas-  
Home, Margaret Thatcher,  
Harold Macmillan, Harold  
Wilson and Edward Heath



# So 61



←  
24 November 1992,  
Guildhall: the Queen  
gave her 'annus  
horribilis' speech during  
an occasion marking  
the 40th anniversary  
of her accession



↑  
20 November 1992:  
a huge fire breaks out at  
Windsor Castle, causing  
extensive damage





←  
4 May 1994:  
commemorating  
D-Day at Portsmouth  
Guildhall with  
Presidents Mitterrand  
and Clinton



←  
8 October 1993: with  
Diana, Princess of  
Wales, at Viscount  
Linley's wedding



←  
20 March 1995: the  
Queen and Prince Philip  
with President Nelson  
Mandela in Cape Town  
on their historic state  
visit to post-apartheid  
South Africa

←  
18 October 1994:  
outside St Basil's  
Cathedral in Moscow  
with President  
Boris Yeltsin, during  
the first visit to  
Russia by a ruling  
British monarch

→  
11 December 1997,  
Portsmouth: the  
decommissioning  
ceremony for  
*HMY Britannia*



→ Far right  
5 September 1997:  
viewing floral tributes  
to Diana, Princess  
of Wales, outside  
Buckingham Palace

‘Tolerance is the essential ingredient  
of any happy marriage... the Queen  
has the quality in abundance’

Prince Philip

→  
Singing *Auld Lang  
Syne* with Tony Blair  
during millennium  
celebrations, New  
Year’s Eve 1999





The People's Princess

Diana, Princess of Wales, died in hospital in the early hours of 31 August 1997 following a car crash in Paris, which also killed Dodi Fayed and their driver, Henri Paul. Her funeral on 6 September 1997 was watched by an estimated 2.5 billion people worldwide.

# 2000s

→  
Taken by Patrick  
Lichfield at  
Buckingham Palace  
in November 2001  
to commemorate  
the Queen's  
Golden Jubilee the  
following year

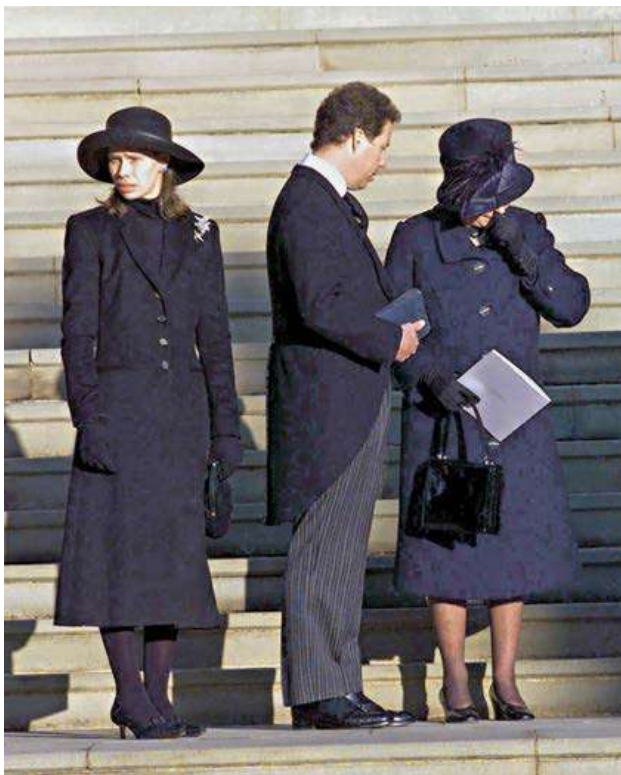




→ The Queen Mother's 100th birthday celebrations, August 2000



→ With her niece and nephew Lady Sarah Chatto and Lord Linley at the private funeral of their mother Princess Margaret, 15 February 2002



Two great losses

The Queen lost her mother and sister within seven weeks of each other. Princess Margaret died on 9 February 2002, aged 71, after a stroke; and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother died in her sleep at the age of 101 on 20 March, having outlived her husband King George VI by 50 years.



←  
4 June 2002: Golden Jubilee Service at St Paul's Cathedral



←  
The Queen and Prince Harry share a smile as she inspects soldiers at their passing out parade at Sandhurst Military Academy in 2006

→  
Enjoying the  
Braemar Gathering,  
Highland Games,  
4 September 2006



↓  
8 April 2005: Prince  
Charles marries  
Camilla Parker Bowles



↑  
On the White House  
balcony with President  
George W Bush in  
May 2007

←  
State Opening  
of Parliament,  
December 2008

→  
The Queen and the  
Duke of Edinburgh are  
amused by a swarm of  
bees at a 2003 event at  
Windsor Castle



‘She has shown the most remarkable steadfastness and fortitude, always remaining a figure of reassuring calm’

Prince Charles

# 2010s

→  
The wedding of  
Prince William and  
Kate Middleton,  
29 April 2011







← Accompanied to the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games by Daniel Craig as James Bond

↓ 23 May 2011: with President Barack Obama at a state banquet at Buckingham Palace





‘There are no set rules. She  
had to carve her own way, and  
she’s done it fantastically’

Prince William

↑  
16 October 2014:  
visiting the *Blood  
Swept Lands and  
Seas of Red* public  
art installation at the  
Tower of London

↓  
23 July 2012: Diamond  
Jubilee lunch at  
Downing Street with  
David Cameron, John  
Major, Tony Blair and  
Gordon Brown



↓  
5 July 2015,  
Sandringham: Princess  
Charlotte's christening



→  
2 June 2012: on  
the royal barge for  
the Diamond  
Jubilee pageant



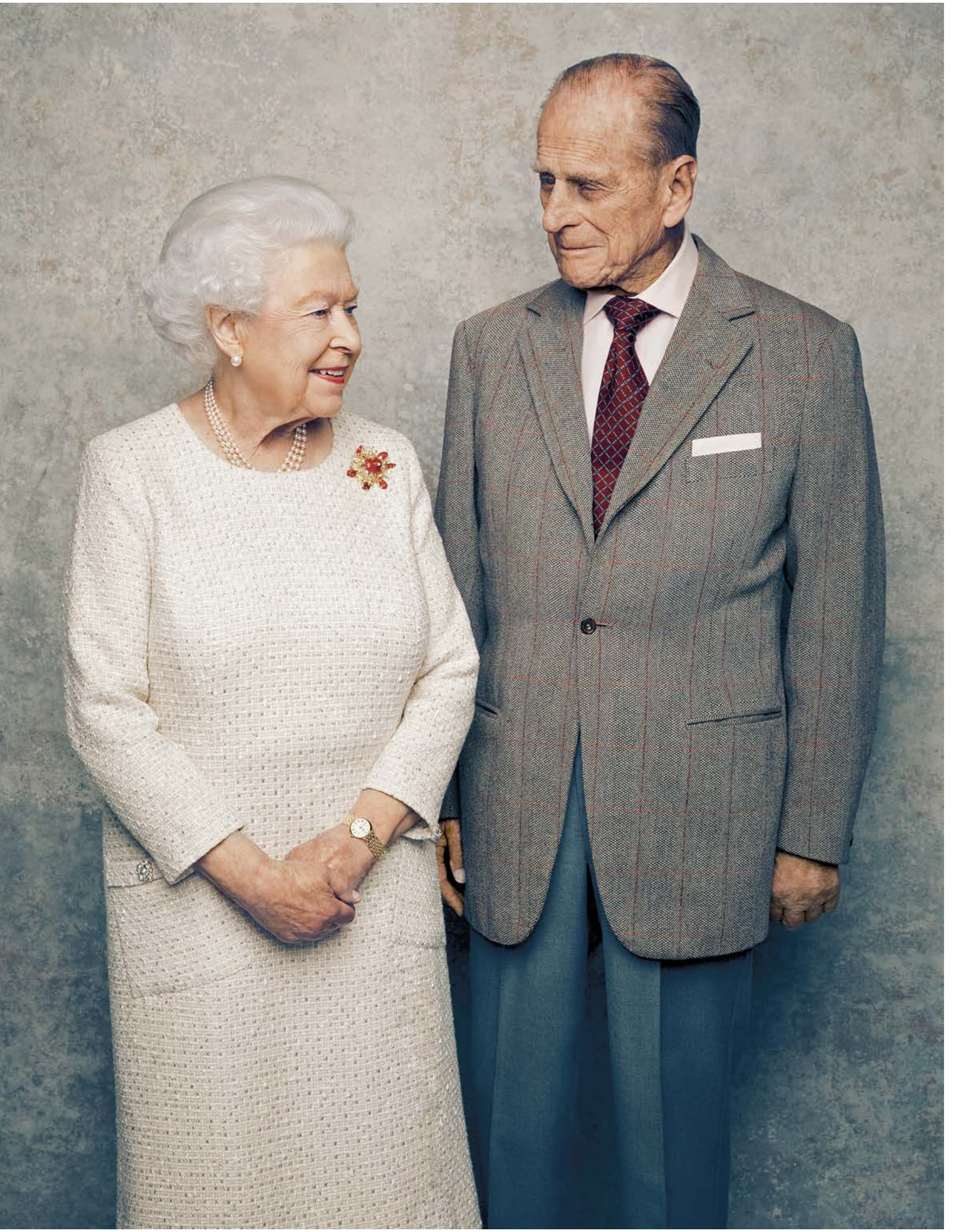


↑  
21 April 2016, Windsor:  
the Queen's 90th  
birthday



←  
13 July 2016: Theresa  
May is invited to form  
a government

←  
11 April 2017: feeding  
Donna the elephant  
at the opening of  
the new Centre for  
Elephant Care at  
ZSL Whipsnade Zoo





←  
19 May 2018:  
Prince Harry marries  
Meghan Markle

←  
19 November 2017:  
the Queen and Duke of  
Edinburgh's platinum  
wedding anniversary



↓  
20 February 2018,  
London Fashion Week:  
on the front row at  
Richard Quinn's show  
with Anna Wintour  
and royal dressmaker  
Angela Kelly



↑  
8 May 2019: Prince  
Harry and Meghan,  
Duchess of Sussex  
– joined by her  
mother Doria Ragland  
– introduce Archie  
Harrison Mountbatten-  
Windsor to his  
great-grandparents



←  
5 June 2019,  
Portsmouth: with  
Prince Charles  
and President Donald  
Trump at the D-Day 75  
ceremony



←  
19 December 2019:  
the State Opening  
of Parliament

‘All the time William and I are  
so struck by the Queen’s sense  
of duty and commitment’

Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge

# 2020s

→  
8 April 2020, Piccadilly  
Circus, London: a  
display of quotes  
from the Queen's  
broadcast to the UK  
and Commonwealth  
regarding the  
coronavirus pandemic



...the comfort  
...may have  
...ndure,  
...ll return

”

Photo: PA Media



## QUEEN ELIZABETH II

→  
9 March 2020: the  
annual Commonwealth  
Day service at  
Westminster Abbey



→  
8 May 2020, Windsor  
Castle: the Queen  
addresses the nation  
and Commonwealth  
on the 75th anniversary  
of VE Day





← The Queen and Prince Philip at Windsor Castle, admiring a card made by their great-grandchildren Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis for their 73rd wedding anniversary on 17 November 2020



← 18 July 2020: the wedding of Princess Beatrice and Edoardo Mapelli Mozzi at the Royal Chapel of All Saints at Royal Lodge, Windsor



‘Prince Philip is the only man in the world who treats the Queen simply as another human being’

Lord Charteris, the Queen's former private secretary



↑  
17 April 2021, St George's Chapel, Windsor: the funeral of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who died on 9 April, age 99

→  
18 December 2020, Windsor Castle: an event to thank local volunteers and key workers who would be helping others over Christmas



←  
2 June 2022, Buckingham Palace: Prince Louis has a memorable reaction to the flypast during celebrations for his great-grandmother's Platinum Jubilee

↓  
21 April 2022, Windsor Castle: the Queen's 96th birthday is marked by a new photograph of her holding the reins of two white ponies



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